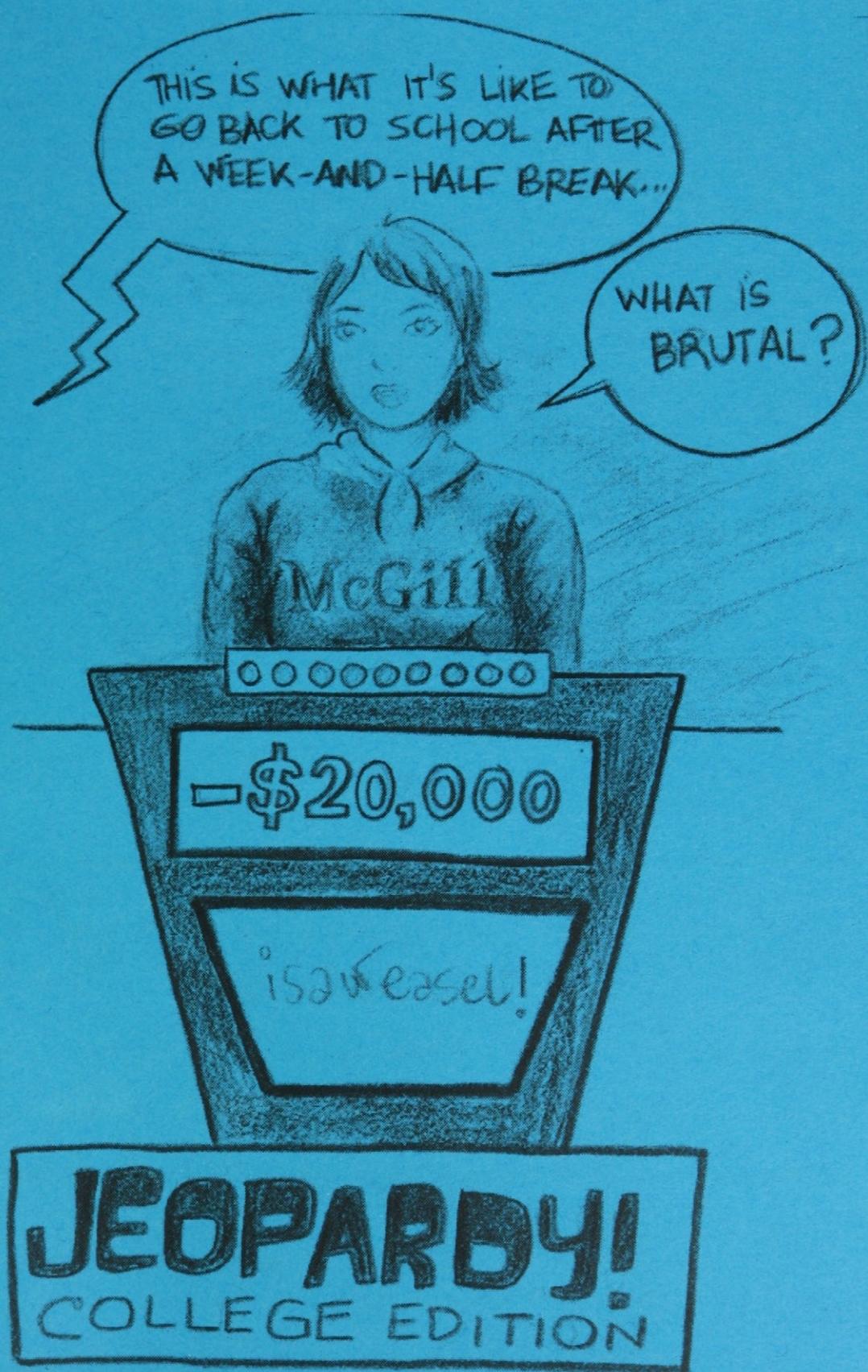


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Ah ! Comme la neige a neigé... finalement

par Caroline Briand (Law IV)
Co-Rédactrice en chef

Etant plus jeune, je me suis toujours émerveillée devant le fait qu'il semblait toujours, le 24 décembre au soir, neigé de cette neige légère qui tombe magiquement en si gros flocons qu'elle rappelle la neige de studio des films en noir et blanc. Habitant à l'époque une contrée au climat plus rigoureux – la neige à l'Halloween étant la norme – je m'étais faite à l'idée, en déménageant à 500 km au sud, que l'hiver allait arriver plus tardivement.

Toutefois, je m'émerveillais encore de l'excellent *timing* de la météo, qui immanquablement, et même à Montréal, nous envoyait de la neige à temps pour le seuil psychologique 1^{er} décembre.

Mais je n'étais décidément pas préparée pour l'odieux « Noël brun » que nous avons souffert en 2006. Le matin de Noël, au lieu de voir le soleil briller sur la neige ou à travers les glaçons, j'ai pu observer un écureuil monstrueusement gras gambader sur la pelouse. Faute de neige, ma petite nièce n'a pas pu étrenner son nouveau traîneau. Même une fois de retour dans mon patelin, on pouvait voir des touffes d'herbe disgracieuses percer sous la neige.

Certains ne se plaindront pas de ce temps plus doux. Pas besoin d'abîmer ses souliers dans la neige ou de souffrir ses bottes mouillées à l'intérieur. Pas de neige à pelleter. Pas de glace pour nécessiter l'intervention des pompiers sur la rue Peel.

Mais rappelons-nous que nous habitons un pays nordique. Notre petit change comporte un caribou et un ours polaire. Parmi nos inventeurs les plus célèbres on compte l'inventeur de la motoneige et celui de la souffleuse. Nos politiciens s'affichent sans honte en public portant des cache-oreilles et des parkas peu seyants. Nous nous déplaçons pour des élections fédérales en plein mois de janvier. Bref : ce froid et ce climat rigoureux, bien que parfois déplaisants, nous représentent, et font partie de nous.

Il a neigé ce soir. J'espère que c'est là pour rester. ■

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10 Things I Think I Think

by Chima Ubani (Law III)

Yeah, it's a rip off of Peter King's shtick, so what? It's even better! This little column will touch on everything from my daily adventures, to local news, to international intrigue, to entertainment and pro sports (probably a lot more of these last two). Consider it a snapshot of what's on my mind. The hope is that this will blossom into a weekly feature for your reading pleasure that will act as an impetus for much fruitful intellectual discussion in the faculty. More likely is that I will get lazy and this will be the only edition of "10 Things" (feel free to adopt this shorthand slang when discussing the column amongst your friends and family). Without further ado:

1. I think Donald Trump v. Rosie O'Donnell is good stuff. Now, I'm not endorsing the content of everything that the Donald has said during his numerous anti-Rosie rants lately, but, come on, this is classic! Impeccable delivery, elevated levels of crudeness, repeated use of the word "loser", calling Barbara Walters a liar, AND he actually makes some valid points. It's refreshing to see a celebrity speak so candidly on national television (if you have missed out on this gem, get onto YouTube).

2. I think that underdog Boise State's surprise victory over college football blue bloods Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl was the best college football game I have

ever seen. Maybe even the best football game, or sporting event, period. Consider the following: A classic David vs. Goliath match-up with David striking the first blows and Goliath storming back with 25 unanswered points to take a late lead. A combined 22 points in the final 86 seconds of regulation. Instant redemption for Boise QB Jared Zabransky after a crushing interception. A hook and ladder for a 50 yard touchdown on 4th and 18 to send the game to overtime. A TD pass by a Boise receiver on 4th down to match Oklahoma's TD in the first overtime. All capped by a statue of liberty fake and behind the back handoff to win the game on a two point conversion in the first overtime! How can you top that? You can't.

3. I think that Blood Diamond should win Picture of the Year at the Oscars. Powerful and emotional with both flash and substance. Just brilliant. I have not enjoyed watching a movie so much in a long time.

a) Leonardo DiCaprio has come a long way as an actor (if you haven't seen The Departed, see that too). Despite the fact that he has about 7 years on me, I feel like I have watched him grow up before my eyes.

b) Djimon Hounsou is incredible.

4. I think that something is wrong when we are flirting with double-digit temperatures in January in Montreal.

Maybe Al Gore was onto something..... Seriously though, this is a little creepy. On a lighter note, it's pretty funny that as soon as Pete leaves things warm up.

5. I think these are my random NFL thoughts:

a) Frank Gore is incredible:
5.4 ypc. LT? 5.2 ypc. LJ? 4.3
ypc. Not bad.

b) The Chargers and the Ravens are going to play a classic AFC championship and it is going to be too close to call. But I'll call it for the Ravens.

c) The NFC is brutal.

d) I know Brett Favre is a sensitive topic, but I think he should just retire already. He's holding a franchise ransom and he's been kind of annoying me for years.

e) Vince Young is really good. REALLY good. Doesn't the talk about those Wunderlich scores seem silly now?

f) I think that Michael Vick...(sigh)... he's a great athlete... and he won that game in Lambeau... but... (sigh)... what an enigma. I'm

not quite sure what I think I think about Vick but I think it's time to stop making excuses for him and that he better put up soon. Or else he'll go down as one of the most over-hyped athletes of all time. If you don't believe that he is over-hyped, consider that Tom Jackson once compared him to Tiger Woods. But, you say, he became the first QB in NFL history to rush for 1000 yards this year, that's got to count for something! Well, the Falcons record in the 7 games where he led the team in rushing: 0-7. So

6. I think Saddam Hussein was a bad guy, no doubt, but I'm not comfortable with the way that whole trial went down and the manner in

which that execution was carried out. Not good.

7. I think I like the actual games played on shows like "Deal or No Deal" and "Identity" but I absolutely cannot stand the "witty" hosts, the hysterical contestants and their hyper excitable families, all of the posturing and "drama" and, well, basically everything else about such shows. I just saw a commercial for "1 vs. 100". I imagine that it will be more of the same.

8. I think that the new season of 24 is going to be badass. Duh!

9. I think that the NBA hasn't really grabbed my attention this year even though my Lakers are playing well. I'm not quite sure why. More on that later...

10. I think that this is the kind of statement, made by Prime Minister Harper during his New Year's address, that great leaders make:

"As Canadians, we are very fortunate. Ours isn't just a great country. It's the greatest in the world. But make no mistake ...Canada's best days are still ahead ..."

Well said ■

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Welcome back to all students! Your Career Development Office will hold many events for your benefit in the coming months, such as career days (public interest, civil law and common law), information sessions on bar schools (Quebec and Ontario), résumé clinics and mock interviews, application collections for several recruitments (Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto first-year) and area of practice dinners.

Also keep in mind that deadlines for recruitments, clerkships and bar registration are fast approaching. Stay current: consult Careerlink!

Here is some additional news:

1. CDO publications:

- (i) Exciting news! Career development offices of the civil law faculties of Ottawa, Sherbrooke, Montreal UQAM and McGill have joined forces with employers to produce a single directory of legal employers to be used in the context of the Course aux Stages: le Guide d'employeurs juridiques 2007. Employers' profiles are gathered, as well as a copy of the "entente de recrutement 2006-2007" in this neat new tool. The guide is free; one per student.
- (ii) The CDO has recently received additional copies of one of its publications: the Legal Employment Handbook –7th Edition. Copies of the LEH are available now at the CDO. One free copy is available for every student, both undergraduate and graduate. The price of subsequent copies, and copies sold to non-McGill Law students is \$53.
- (iii) The Career Development Office has recently published the second edition and entirely updated version of the publication that targets exclusively graduate law students. The Graduate Law Student Career Handbook is available for immediate pick-up. The first copy is free for graduate students and \$4 for undergraduates. The price is \$20 for all non-McGill Law students.
- (iv) Please stay alert for the publication of the 5th edition of the CDO publication You're not Alone: A Law Student's Guide to Careers in the Public Interest. The guide will be available for pick up in the coming weeks. The first copy of the guide is available for free to all McGill Law students. The price of subsequent copies, or those sold to non-McGill Law students is \$25. You may pick up a copy of the 4th edition now at the CDO office.

2. Area of Practice Dinner:

Please join our distinguished guest Mark Paterson for dinner on January 17, 2007 at the Faculty Club. The topic for this new Area of Practice Dinner is "making the move from private practice to in-house counsel and work as a general counsel". Full biography of our guest and further details are available on Careerlink.

3. Recruitment Drives:

Deadlines for the Toronto First-Year and Ottawa Recruitments, as well as the "Course aux Stages" are coming up. Make sure you log on to Careerlink to access all of the details and take advantage of our various prep' sessions!

Also, make sure to access Careerlink on a regular basis to keep updated on all CDO activities. Noticeboard and the Quid offer only a window into the myriad of activities organized by the CDO.

4. Call for Volunteers

The CDO will need volunteers to help around on civil law careers day to set up, greet employers, help around and dismantle (movers will handle heavy objects). Set up is done two hours prior to the event. Please contact Marc Sellès with your availabilities at placement.law@mcgill.ca or 398-6159 in the week of January 15.

Please do not hesitate to drop us a line, or come by our office at any time!

The CDO team,

Marc Sellès –Coordinator
Me Ali Martin-Mayer –Director

The Square There and Back Again

by Nicholas Dodd (LAW II)

Despite our collective despondency, we live in a time when more people are richer, healthier, better educated, more literate, and more productive. We live longer, travel more, and enjoy greater access to knowledge and freedom than at any other time in human history. Worldwide, we now number more than six billion people – partly because we are able, with varying degrees of success, to sustain that number. We have beaten back the Malthusians.” – Bruce Mau, from an article entitled “*Imagining the Future*”, in *The Walrus’ December/January issue.*

A day after arriving home for the holidays I found myself contentedly nestled on the couch of an old friend’s apartment, engrossed in a discussion about Life, the Universe, and Everything. As the afternoon waned and evening descended, I enjoyed allowing the stress of exams to fall away as my friends and I drank, talked, and watched the rusty trains slowly make their way through the old industrial

areas of southeast Calgary. It may not sound like much, I realize, but for a soul run ragged by four months “at law” it was an incredibly wholesome experience.

A few days later, on the same day many celebrate the Excesses of Materialism (Boxing Day) the same old friends confronted me with an accusation: I’d become a pessimist. Why? Because I ranted endlessly about the doom of the polar bears; I considered drastic climate change a *fait accompli*; and, most seriously of all, I claimed I that did not want to have children, convinced that it would be morally unconscionable to bring them into a world that looks like its going down the tubes in a pretty big hurry. While I’ve never thought of myself as a doom and gloom type of fellow, this, I had to admit, sounded pretty pessimistic.

[Insert extended period of intense self-reflection and long hard looks in the mirror]

Bruce Mau, in the article cited above, much like my good friends, is also worried

about pessimism (not to mention its country cousin, cynicism). In putting on a museum exhibit on design – a forward-looking and inherently hopeful practice – he experienced the controversial nature of optimism. Rau learned its not incredibly cool to be an optimist - broadcasting your beliefs that “things are getting better” is a surefire way of ensuring you won’t receive an invite to the next dinner party. So, he wrote an article promoting both the virtues of optimism – in that it gives us hope, and inspires us to continue working – as well as the reasons we have to be optimistic – to wit, that things are getting better (see above). Mau worries that a culture lacking optimism will too readily “circle the wagons” – that is, it will turn inwards and try to get-while-the-getting-is-good, thus guaranteeing a future that is worse than it could have been.

Struggling as I was with my own outlook on life, Mau’s article helped me understand and articulate my own views. As it turns out, I disagree with him completely. While I believe there is some merit in the argument that if people are not optimistic about our future they will cease to work for a better one, this is only a small part of the equation. Some people believe the world has already gone to hell in a hand-basket, and try to make the best life they can for themselves given the circumstances, regardless of the destruction that this may entail. Content with the thought that these problems are too big to be dealt with anyways, they act as though they are completely unaware of their existence. In this situation Mau may be right –

optimism may spur action.

But in so many other situations, optimism destroys positive action. I cannot count the number of people who I’ve spoken with who truly believe that technology will save us all. They are so optimistic that science will find a solution for any ecological destruction we reap that they continue to put in the hours at the oil firm, without a second thought as to their own agency. I met a older gentleman over the holidays who described to me how they can no longer drill in parts of northern Alberta because the roads over the muskeg won’t freeze anymore – but instead of wondering whether or not they should stop drilling, he wondered where else they could start (and for any non-Albertans tempted to get smug at this point, remember one thing – we drill it because you burn it).

I realized I’m not a pessimist. I just wish we could be honest with each other about the magnitude of the problems we face. I believe statements like Rau’s allow us to easily convince ourselves that things will get better, and that no work of our own (that is, with our own two hands) is required. It’s a scary thing when honesty is derided as pessimism – this attitude prevents us from dedicating the thought, time and effort needed to truly grapple with problems (AIDS, rampant and accelerating environmental destruction). If we can be honest about the deep shit we’re in, I’m optimistic that we can meaningfully confront these problems. Until that time, however, my glass is half empty. ■

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Timely Chico Wins Third in a Row

by Ryan Kirshenblatt (Grad)

McCONNELL ARENA (AP) — As the New Year is upon us, many take it upon themselves to make resolutions about bettering themselves. With Chico Resch, one resolution was to have more players actually show up to games. The other was to drink more beer. Concern was mounting about how much longer the team could go icing only two lines and two defense tandems over the course of a grueling one-game-every-two-weeks schedule. Looking to start 2007 the way they ended 2006, Chico headed into Sunday night's game against The Shooters on a two game winning streak with their own brand of Ironman Hockey that has become the team's signature style. Recent games have produced heroic efforts from the roster, but this game was won not through any individual efforts, but through spirit from a total team effort. One might say the outcome of this game was decided even before the puck dropped. The difference on this night was simple, fundamental, old-fashioned...punctuality.

Chico's victory was by forfeit.

Speculation is that The Shooters may very well have done too many of them the night before. This wasn't about having more goals than the other team, but about having more players show up, and on time. For the first time this season, the

Chico bench wasn't the shorter one.

"I've been telling everyone all season that our roster problems would eventually be solved," said Steve Gough. "I just didn't think it would be with the help of the other team."

Bob Moore added he was "amazed with the team punctuality tonight. Half of these guys don't even show up for class on time, and in my case, I'm never even in the law building."

Captain Nathaniel Brand attributed the win to now officially retired Anthony Lemke, who has still not received his team jersey. "Anthony had two great assists tonight – he picked up Bob and Ryan before the game to give us enough guys to make the roster minimum." When questioned about whether Lemke would be rewarded for his performance with a jersey, Brand had no comment, especially when reminded that rookie Bruce Carlini had received his that very same night. Lemke deflected the praise. "Don't thank me, thank the Volvo Sportwagon. Bob's a big guy and to fit three hockey bags and sticks in there, thank the Volvo's largest-in-its-class cargo space. Ryan was a real help too, since his bag blocked the rear view mirror, he did an excellent job looking out the back window despite being buried by his own bag."

"Anything for a lift to the rink," said Kirshenblatt.

The Shooters' locker room was much quieter after the game. One player quipped that the reason was "because there were only four guys in it." Another relied on the oft-quoted explanation of "we just didn't show up tonight," which now took on a more profound meaning.

Lemke seemed to sum up Chico's take on the game. "It's pretty clear to the rest of the league that we've been playing really well lately. It's finally showing – The Shooters were just too plain scared to show up and play us tonight."

Still, the team refuses to discount its faith in the power of Moosehead. This is the second straight game where it was present in the locker room, and another Chico win was celebrated with it. Lemke, however, has threatened to bring another beer into the locker room, as the two-four may contain a free jersey.

Shooters tried numerous stall tactics to avoid forfeiting. However, after the third "they're stuck in traffic" in ten minutes, the referees would have no more of it. Out of desperation, The Shooters relied on the old common law application of relief from forfeiture. The Learned Referee dismissed the application. Referee, J. held that "in my view, determining whether to call the game due to forfeiture requires balancing the principle of the undermanned team's right to "have their day on the ice" against the punctual team's reasonable expectation that when they have enough players and the

other team doesn't, they should win. In the circumstances of intramural hockey, to not penalize the undermanned team would render good faith punctuality and minimum roster requirements a nullity, and would lead us down the slippery slope of ruining the entire game of hockey itself."

However, in the spirit of sportsmanship, Chico agreed to an exhibition game with The Shooters, who recruited the two referees to play for them. Chico, sources believe, won 5-2. With no impartial referees, it was an exercise in self-regulation which could have been the envy of any profession. Furthermore, it was a chance for every player to live out the dream of hitting referees with the puck, and running them into the boards. Unfortunately that did not occur, as the referees were "really damn good," according to Brand, who got turned inside out by one of the zebras midway through the game. "It's one thing to argue a call with a referee during the game, it's another to be undressed by one," he added, his head lowered.

Replies to Brand's comments after the game, the referee said, "I'm sick and tired of these players telling me how to play hockey, that I don't make calls and such, so I had to show them I know the game just fine, thank you very much."

First string goaltender Rish Handa missed his first game of the season. "I had Canadiens tickets for the afternoon game against New Jersey," was his excuse. Chico had to resort to its youth and the start went to rookie Jani "The Finn" Holm-

berg. Scoring the game-winning goal that started Chico's winning streak only weeks ago, Holmberg tried his hand this time at preventing them, successfully becoming the first Chico player to win as a forward and goaltender. Though only two pucks beat him, he was still critical of the officiating. There were concerns that with the referees playing for The Shooters, their impartiality would be compromised. Chico cited *Wells v. Newfoundland*, but Referee J. was unconvinced.

Holmberg was beaten once

on a screened shot, a goal he urged should be disallowed because of goalie interference in the crease. The referee, now playing for The Shooters, said "I didn't see anything, I don't know what you're talking about." The Chico netminder was astounded. "What a liar! How could he not see any goalie interference? He was the one shoving me in the crease!"

However, the game itself was fast paced, with end-to-end action and almost no stoppage in play. It didn't feel

like an exhibition to any of the players. Most importantly, it was an opportunity to put on a show for the fans (all three in attendance) and almost all the players attempted moves they may not otherwise make in a real game. Ryan Kirshenblatt actually tried backchecking, and somewhere along the way banged in a rebound for his first career goal in a Chico jersey. Athletic budget cuts prevented the league from letting him take home the puck for his mantle.

The players and three fans

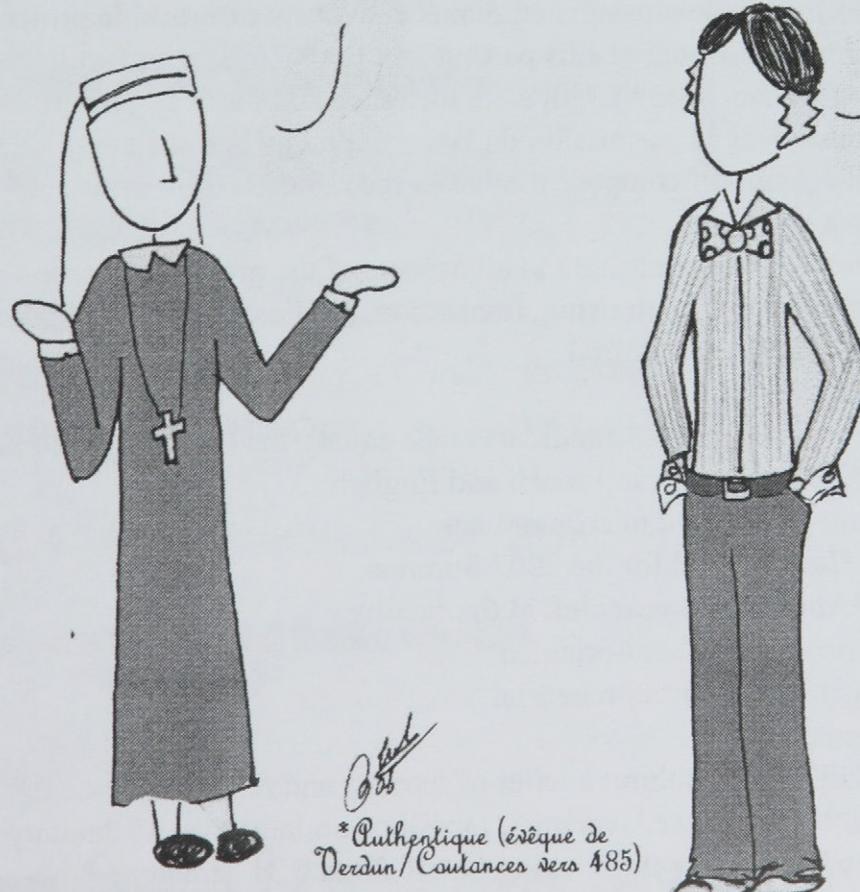
were treated to a shootout after the game, which was cut short by the Zamboni. After the game, Will Darling responded to media comments that the victory was a gift, explaining "that's why we played the exhibition game, to show we would've won even without the forfeit. This team doesn't need, or want, any gifts. Christmas was last month, biatch."

What a focused attitude to take into the next game. ■

LES AVENTURES DU CAPITAINE CORPORATE AMERICA: “GOING THROUGH THE LOOPHOLE OF A NEEDLE.”

par Laurence Bich-Carrière (Law III)

Dans quelques années, quand vous aurez atteint l'âge vénérable de 105 ans facturés et que vous quitterez cette terre, croyez-vous vraiment que saint Pierre vous accueillera les bras ouverts au Paradis des Justes?



Avec égards, ma soeur,
je préférerais le Paradis fiscal. J'y retrouverai:
saint François de Taxes d'Accises,
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saint Midas d'Harpagon,
saint Possesseur*

This Faculty is Disgusting

by Pamela Shapiro (Law III)

TNB: To be read only with a moderately developed sense of humour. Too highly developed, and you will realize that I am not that funny. Too underdeveloped, and you will take every word I write literally and will utterly miss the point.

This Faculty is disgusting. No, I don't mean the administrative structure, the new website, or the high conversion rate of good ole hosers to New York slicksters.

I mean you. Specifically.

Each and every one of you (with the exception of maybe

six), are disgusting.

The Good

But I have good news: you don't have to be. You can change your filthy, off-putting ways. But first, you must learn to recognize the problem.

The Ugly

Here is my sad, sad story of the day I lost faith in all of you (that would be today). Those of you who know anything about me probably know that I've been involved with ELM since just about day one at the Fac. Actually, before day one.

The point is, recycling at the Fac has been a focus of mine

for a while. And people who like to pretend they care about recycling come and talk to me about it. I got an earful when most of our recycling bins were removed. I talked to some of our admin staff, and to other enviro groups around campus. I prepped a report on what we needed. And, last night, I chatted with Todd about it. For those of you with your heads too far up your asses to notice who keeps our building running (yeah, that's right, I'm up on my moral high horse and I like it here), Todd is one of the fabulous maintenance guys. Or custodial engineers or whatever title they give that means "dude who makes things work."

Well, Todd and I chat every now and then, and yesterday

evening we chatted about what a pigsty the downstairs area was and how law students didn't seem to care enough about the junk he has to deal with to take ten steps and throw things out properly. Now, for full disclosure, I should note here that Todd took it all in stride and was in complete good humour about it. I was the one getting in an uppity snit. I asked Todd about the recycling situation, and he cleared up a few things. Namely, he said the maintenance staff are in general more than happy to take on the extra work of emptying different recycling containers, and would love to see them properly placed and made accessible all over the Faculty. Also, there are more than enough "blue bins" (for

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paper) in storage right this minute. The reason these aren't made available is because we are slobby, selfish pigs and throw our trash in them. And while Todd might be willing to go the extra step to make sure that recycling gets collected, no way is he working extra to empty 12 extra bins when they're all contaminated with trash.

So, this is how great Todd is: after we chat for a bit, he just shows up with a standing blue bin and says, "Let's try this out and see how it works." So I get up and print out a sign saying "THIS BIN IS FOR PAPER ONLY" and I add, in my usual charming style "THIS IS A PILOT PROJECT, IF YOU MESS THIS UP YOU MESS IT ALL UP." Nothing works like a bit of coercion, right? Especially when

it's true!

I'll spare you the interim details and cut to the chase: a mere 20 hours later, Todd brought me over to look at the Bin, and it was full of trash. Okay, not full: six pieces mixed in with the recycling. But even one piece of trash and the whole Bin gets dumped, because it's trash. That's right - the entire Faculty could be all conscientious and wonderful, and one smarmy bastard could ruin it all. Which may sound funny, and kind of jaded, until you realize that by doing that you're also making Todd's work harder.

So here's the deal. Recycle. You need to.

Here's why:

One, it's the law [for those desiring greater intellectual stimulation on the subject,

email me and I'll send you my hot-off-the-press Municipal Law paper all about it. ha.]

Two, it's easy. It's really, really, really easy. In fact, sometimes it's harder to get it wrong than to get it right. Three, next time someone asks you about something good you've done - you'll actually have an answer!

Four: It's connected to your classes:

Human Rights buffs: ever heard the one about how we ship our waste to developing countries?

Poverty rights activists: ever heard about how Quebec has some of the slackest landfill siting laws? Who do you think gets to live next to them?

Environmentalists: yeah, I'm talking to you, all you people in my IEL class who I've heard throw their recyclables out. It's time to walk the walk, kids, the last thing you want to do is pull a 'Rona Ambrose.'

Conservatives: want your taxes cut? Did you know that while businesses have to pay for the amount of waste over six bags, educational institutions get it collected for free?

Corporate buffs: see above re: Conservatives....

Fill in the connection for your very own special interest group. The point is, it's time for some follow through. With the pleasant side effect of helping to save the world (that's right hippie-granolas, I didn't forget you) And if you don't care what I have to say

(and really, who does?), follow this link to an article on G r i s t . c o m
<http://gristmill.grist.org/story/2006/11/27/152933/34>.

That's right suckers: if you don't start recycling, you may never have sex again! On a semi-serious note: you all know why it's important. You all know why you have to do it. You just have to pay attention. Blue = for paper. Green = for cans, bottles and plastic (But only plastic with that triangle recycling symbol in it. Don't give up, you're smart, you can look for it.) Rinse your cans before you toss them (you can spare the 60 seconds.) Pay attention to what you put in which hole of those weird combo things. We'll try to get some specialized lids to make it easier, but we won't be able to get the Faculty to shell out until you shape up.

You can do it. You're a law student.

Epilogue

You know that Bin that was full of trash? Well, Todd cared enough about our 'pilot project' that he sorted out the junk from the paper so it could be recycled. Todd will probably never do this again. So, from here on in, it's up to you. Plus, Todd was motivated by the fact that when you disgusting, disgusting people throw your food scraps or un-rinsed drink cans into the recycling bin, Todd has to wash out the whole damn thing. This does not make Todd happy. There are some things that do belong in the garbage. Your Pino's leftovers are one of them.

So, let's do this one more time: Recycle your paper. Recycle your plastic and cans. Trash your leftover food. Got it? Good. Welcome back. ■



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Souhaits et résolutions pour 2007

par Marguerite Tinawi (Law II)

Chers condisciples du Droit,

J'espère que vous avez passé de bonnes vacances, encore que, si vous voulez mon avis, dix jours de gavage et de festoyage intense, c'est pas des vacances mais du travail à temps plein...

Je profite de la rentrée pour vous souhaiter une très chouette année 2007 remplie de tout le kit habituel : santé, bonheur, amour, prospérité, réussite... mais également – touche personnelle - de surprises. Ben oui, une année remplie de points d'exclamation. Comme ça!!!!!! Car bonnes ou mauvaises, les surprises nous sont vitales. Ce sont elles qui nous tiennent éveillés, alertes. Ce sont elles qui font dérailler nos

plans dessinés trop longtemps à l'avance, qui mettent notre pilote automatique hors d'état et nous forcent à reprendre contrôle du navire. Non pas que nous soyons ordinairement des épaves... Ce n'est pas ce que j'ai dit ! Mais combien de fois manquons-nous de courage, de volonté, de temps pour poser un geste, prendre une décision, écarter une solution facile, nous remettre en question, tout foutre en l'air ? Dans mon cas, trop souvent.

Alors beaucoup de surprises pour 2007. Mais pas trop quand même, sinon, on ne saura plus où donner de la tête. Maintenant, qui dit Souhaits pour la Nouvelle Année, dit Bonnes Résolutions. En tout cas, chez nous, c'est la tradition. Le 1er janvier, on reçoit nos étrennes, c'est-à-dire un billet vert, plus ou moins subtilement caché sous notre assiette. D'ailleurs, pour reprendre le thème de la surprise, je ne sais pas comment c'est encore possible, mais à chaque année, mes frères et moi sommes tout étonnés de découvrir le fameux billet sous notre assiette. Sans doute parce que nous sommes si peu habitués à recevoir de l'argent gratuitement. Ou peut-être parce que notre état de lendemain de veille n'a pas permis à notre cerveau de faire « tilt, les étrennes, c'est aujourd'hui ! » Quoiqu'il en soit, une fois les étrennes reçues, on entame un non moins traditionnel tour de table des Bonnes Résolutions de la Nouvelle Année. Et chacun de dire comment il compte s'y prendre pour devenir le super héros de la Nouvelle Année. Ma mère aime particulièrement cet exercice et c'est fou ce qu'elle regorge d'imagination pour vous trouver des résolutions. Adrien, tu devrais prendre la résolution d'avoir une chambre rangée, de passer moins de temps au téléphone ou devant l'ordi... Simon, tu devrais arrêter de travailler comme un fou (mon père de répondre : et qui va payer

l'hypothèque?) Marguerite, tu devrais faire plus d'exercice, sortir plus souvent, reprendre tes cours de piano (moi de répondre : mom, allo, je suis en Droit, tu sais, avec cette gang de malades; j'ai même pas le temps de faire toutes les foutues lectures!!!). Et ça continue... C'est son côté enseignante. Dans le fond, c'est ça l'éducation : tenter de changer les gens par la persuasion, par la force des mots, de l'exemple. Ça ne fonctionne pas toujours, mais c'est une belle mission...

Ma résolution pour l'année 2007? Écrire plus souvent au QUID.
Et la vôtre?

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CBA NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL, ENERGY AND RESOURCES LAW SECTION NEWSLETTER



NEERLS launches the second edition of its law school essay contest on environmental, energy and resources law

By Anne-Marie Sheahan
McCarthy Tétrault, Montréal

In 2006, the Canadian Bar Association's National Environmental, Energy and Resources Law Section established a new law school essay contest to promote and reward interest in environmental, energy and resources law topics in Canadian law schools. The Section is now introducing the second edition of the contest.

The prize consists of a monetary award of \$500, as well as a paid registration, including airfare and accommodation, to the Section's annual conference, at which the prize is presented.

The prize is named in honour of David Estrin. Mr. Estrin is a pioneer of environmental law in Canada. Mr. Estrin's 30-year career spans the evolution of environmental law in Canada. A founding member of the Canadian Environmental Law Association, he has advised government agencies, corporations, and institutions, assisted in policy development and drafting of legislation in Ontario, Alberta, and Canada, and appeared before provincial and federal courts. A partner at Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP, he has written six books, including the definitive text *Business Guide to Environmental Law*, and taught in management programs and universities (Waterloo, Western, Ottawa, York, Ryerson and Humber College).

The Prize is donated by the CBA NEERLS' Law School Essay Contest – David Estrin Prize Fund. The David Estrin Prize is supported by Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP as Foundation Sponsor, and by members of the environmental, energy and natural resources law community. The contest is held annually and authors must attend the law faculty of a Canadian university as of the submission date. Deadline for this second year of the contest is Feb. 15, 2007.

The executive board of the Section will select a jury of three or more persons to evaluate essays submitted and to select the best scholarly essay.

Essays received and prized last year were excellent. The Section believes that encouraging students to think and write in this area benefits the legal community and advances environmental, energy and resources law in Canada.

For full details on the essay contest, visit www.cba.org.

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Mcgill Law Human Rights Working Group

P R E S E N T S

ANNUAL WRITING COMPETITION

The Human Rights Working Group is holding its second annual writing competition. Students are invited to compose up to 750 words on the topic of human rights in any genre (essay, short story, poetry, song etc.).

Submissions must be written in English or French. All entries must be submitted to the Law Students Association Office (in the basement of 3644 Peel Street) or to words.and.images@hotmail.com.

Deadline: January 19th 2007, 5:00 p.m.

Winners and runners up will be published in the Quid Novi, in the Journalists for Human Rights Speak! and on the HRWG website.

Entry forms are available on the HRWG website at: www.hrwg.mcgill.ca.

Participation is open to all McGill students.

ANNUAL PHOTO EXHIBITION

Have you participated in a human rights-oriented volunteer project or internship? Here's a great opportunity for you to share your experiences. The Human Rights Working Group will be exhibiting a selection of photography from student human-rights internships during Canada's International Development Week, February 5th -9th, 2007.

If you have photographs that you feel capture your project and the organization you were working with, submit small-format copies, along with captions and a 200-word description of your volunteer experience, to the Law Students Association Office in the basement of 3644 Peel Street or to words.and.images@hotmail.com.

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Please submit your negatives or a CD with best possible quality images along with hard copies of your photos. Clearly indicate the corresponding negative or file number on the back of each photo. We will pay for enlargements from a selection of original images.



PLAYERS' THEATRE

The Witches Breathe Life into *Macbeth* at Players' Theatre January 11, 2007

"I mean by such kind of charms as commonly daft wives use, for healing of forspoken [bewitched] goods, for preserving them from evil eyes, by knitting . . . sundry kinds of herbs to the hair or tails of the goods; by curing the worm, by stemming of blood, by healing of horse-crooks, . . . or doing of such like innumerable things by words, without applying anything meet to the part offended, as mediciners do."

- James I, Daemonologie

Players' Theatre proudly receives 2007 with *Macbeth*, the tragic story of a man whose actions exceed the limits of his conscience, starting on January 11. In time for the 400th anniversary of its first presentation however, Shakespeare's classic tale of ambition receives a new twist.

While the production still focuses on Macbeth (David Windrim), his Lady (Jessica Rodrigues) and their mutual desire for power, this production brings the witches to the forefront as well. Who are these Weird prophesiers and what personal interest do they hold in the action which they incite? Although the audience can still follow the conventional tragic plot, they are encouraged to look at it from another narrative stance as well. Shakespeare's intriguing historical personages remain for the most part unchanged; however, the witches delight, dazzle and dance their way through the events, watching the effects of their equivocation unfold.

Macbeth speaks to a time wherein our leaders find it increasingly hard to view shades of grey: Macbeth is the prototypical antihero (or conflicted villain). There are two sides to a coin, and different people have different personal investments in the outcome. By channelling the events through the witches' eyes, this production capitalizes on the dearth of black or white in *Macbeth*.

Macbeth runs Jan. 11-13, 18-20 at 8pm; Jan 14, 21 at 2pm. **Player's Theatre** is located at 3480 McTavish 3rd floor and is wheelchair accessible. Tickets are available at (514)398-6813; \$8 for adults, \$6 for students/seniors.

Directed and adapted by Nat Stigler.

Running Time: 2 hours (with a 15 minute intermission)

For information, please contact:

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Ally Ntumba Beya (Collectif MOYO)
Texts in French, Lingala, Tshiluba

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Emie and Roco are lovers that come from different villages and their sense of duty to their communities prevents them from being together. Is Roco ready to give up the respect of his peers to be with Emie? Can Emie do without the recognition she seeks from Roco's family?

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Drawing on the imagery and spontaneity of African theatre, Collectif MOYO has created a play that offers a new perspective where an important role is given to movement, dance and music. Actors, supported by skilled musicians, break into dance and song as they deliver their lines, expressing emotions where words alone sometimes fail. Collectif MOYO brings together artists, mostly from visible communities, who wish to become even more visible by creating a space for black, French-language expression

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